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## Jarrett Smith elected in Ward 5

*Instant runoff utilized for first time in Takoma Park*

**R**esidents of Ward 5 elected Jarrett Smith as their new City Council representative on July 17. Smith won 97 votes in the City's first use of an instant runoff, a voting method instituted in 2006. His opponent in the runoff, Eric Hensal, got 80 votes.

Under the instant runoff system, voters make first, second and third choices on their ballots. If no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote during the first round of voting, an "instant runoff" kicks in. This new contest is between only the top two candidates. In it, the ballots from voters who chose a write-in or the third, eliminated candidate as first choice, are recounted, using their second choice candidate votes. Those votes are distributed to the appropriate remaining candidate.

During this election, the initial slate in-

cluded Melinda Ulloa. In the first round, she won 33 first-choice votes; Smith won 84 and Hensal won 71. Because there was no clear majority in that first round (Smith's votes totaled 44.2 percent of the votes, Hensal's 37.9 percent, and Ulloa's 17.4 percent), the election went to instant runoff. The second-choice votes from those who voted for Ulloa were distributed to the two leaders.

Smith won the runoff with 54.5 percent of the vote.

The election drew more interest than



Jarrett Smith

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## City Manager Barbara Matthews to Resign

*Suzanne Ludlow appointed acting manager*

**T**akoma Park City Manager Barbara Matthews has accepted the position of city manager for the City of Rockville, Md. She leaves for her new position after eight years of service in Takoma Park. Matthews' last day in Takoma Park will be Sept. 7. Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow will step in as Acting City Manager beginning Sept. 8, as the search for a replacement manager begins.

### A legacy

Under Matthews' leadership, the City strengthened its financial structure, reduced crime, and made major investments with City, state and federal funds, in roads, facilities, and "green" infrastructure.



Barbara Matthews

She oversaw the renovation of the Takoma Park Community Center auditorium and the Public Works facility, with particular attention to high standards of environmental sustainability.

Matthews was City manager when solar panels were installed on several City facilities, and she presided over the implementation of the City's speed camera program and the development of a sidewalk improvement plan to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

On a broader scale, she guided Takoma Park through the recession. Large cuts in revenue from the State of Maryland and Montgomery County led to the first layoffs in the City's history in June 2010. Matthews worked with county and state officials to strengthen revenue commitments to municipalities, and this year's budget reflects some of her efforts: she was able to recommend adding several positions back to City government ranks.

Matthews served as co-chair of the Municipal Revenue Sharing Task Force that examined municipal tax duplication payments in Montgomery County, and lobbied hard to ensure that the county paid a fair amount to the City of Takoma Park for municipal tax duplication, particularly for police services. Her efforts in this area con-

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## Entrepreneurs Bring Craft Brewing to Takoma, D.C.



By Kevin Adler

From the outside, 3 Stars Brewing doesn't look different than the auto body shops and plumbing supply warehouses that are its neighbors in a small industrial zone on Chillum Road NW in Takoma, D.C.

It's just a large, unadorned brick building with a loading dock.

But go past the Vespa motorcycle parked out front, walk up a few stairs, and enter a small doorway. A slightly sweet smell is in the air, and light floods down from 30-foot ceilings onto gleaming 16-foot-high cylindrical aluminum fermentation tanks, 50-lb. sacks of grains, and racks of soon-to-be filled beer kegs. Bearded, burly, tattooed Dave Coleman welcomes visitors to the newest en-



Mike McGarvey, left and Dave Coleman, co-founders of 3 Stars Brewing.

trant in the rapidly growing local craft beer scene.

"Our goal is to bring world-class beer to D.C.," says Coleman, the co-founder 3 Stars Brewing. "We've just passed our final health inspection last week. Now our job is to fill those tanks."

The first batches of beer are underway, and Coleman and co-founder Mike McGarvey plan to have their beer on tap in a dozen or more D.C. bars by the end of the summer. When they finalize deals with distributors, they will be in Maryland and Virginia bars, too, reaching out to Coleman's network of contacts built over a decade as the beer manager and bar manager at D.C. beer hotspot The Big Hunt. Eventually, 3 Stars plans to add bottling equip-

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**Trash collection  
No changes this month**

**Takoma Park City Council  
On break for the month of August**

Mayor & Council  
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Takoma Park, MD 20912

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## TAKOMA TOPICS:

“Takoma Junction, what’s your function? Filling up mouths and bellies! Come on out for food trucks [every Friday evening]

— [www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD](http://www.facebook.com/#!/TakomaParkMD) ”

## Help Select the next Takoma Park City Manager!

The City Council is seeking 21-30 representatives to serve on the City Manager Selection Committee

- Apply by noon, Friday, Sept. 7, 2012
- Appointments will be made by Monday, Sept. 17, 2012
- To apply or if you have questions, contact the Mayor or your City Councilmember, and fill out the standard City Committee Application Form, available from the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/comapp.pdf](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/comapp.pdf).

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**Get Involved...Apply Now!**

## City Council & Committee Calendar

### CITY COUNCIL

The City Council will be on recess from July 31 – September 4

### TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m.  
TPCC Lilac Room

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 9, 8:30 a.m.  
TPCC Hydrangea Room

\*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the Takoma Park Newsletter deadline. For the most up to date information, check [www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/calendar](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/calendar). Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center, 7500 Maple Ave. (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

Notice on ADA Compliance - The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services or accommodations is invited to contact the Deputy City Manager at 301-891-7229 or [suzannel@takomagov.org](mailto:suzannel@takomagov.org) at least 48 hours in advance.

## City Council Action

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the City Council. Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). For additional information, contact the City Clerk at [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

### RESOLUTION 2012-33

Adopted (June 11, 2012)

Resolution Approving State Funding of the Refinancing and Renovation of Parkview Towers (7667 Maple Ave.)

*Supports state funding for the property, which is owned by Montgomery Housing Partnership. The action has no fiscal impact on the City.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-34

Adopted (June 11, 2012)

Resolution Adopting Council Rules of Procedure  
*Updates the Council's rules of procedure that were adopted in 2004.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-35

Adopted (June 18, 2012)

Resolution Granting a Waiver of Provisions of the Nuclear Free Zone Act

*Waives the provisions of Sections 14.04.060(A) and (B) of the Nuclear Free Zone Act for the purpose of accepting the computers supplied by Useful Corporation for the Computer Learning Center, for the term of the contract approved by Ordinance 2011-52.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-36

Adopted (June 18, 2012)

Resolution Providing for Reappointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

*Reappoints Mary Forrest-Doyle, Jarrett K. Smith, Dorothy Clennon, and Catherine C. Wakelyn to COLTA. Smith has since resigned to take his seat on the council.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-37

Adopted (June 18, 2012)

Resolution Providing for a Reappointment to the Board of Elections

*Reappoints Jose Zambrana to the Board of Elections.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-38

Adopted (June 18, 2012)

Resolution of Support for the Zoning Text

Amendment Revising the Requirements for Permitting Accessory Apartments

*Supports the efforts of the Montgomery County Planning Department to revise the requirements for accessory apartments to allow them by right in certain zones and under certain circumstances, and encourages the County Council to formally introduce the ZTA.*

ABSTAIN: Grimes

### RESOLUTION 2012-39

Adopted (June 18, 2012)

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Old Takoma Business Association

*Authorizes execution of a three-year agreement with OTBA, provides an annual operating subsidy of \$30,000 subject to appropriation annually, and provides up to \$15,000 in Fiscal Year 13 for programming to increase the economic vitality of Takoma Junction.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-40

Adopted (July 9, 2012)

Recognizing Police Captain Coursey upon His Retirement

*Captain Coursey retired from the Police Department at the end of June 2012 after 23 years of service. The Resolution recognizes his service to the City of Takoma Park.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-41

Adopted (July 9, 2012)

Celebrating July as Parks and Recreation Month  
*Recognizes the value of parks and recreation opportunities and celebrates National Parks and Recreation Month.*

ABSTAIN: Grimes

### RESOLUTION 2012-42

Adopted (July 9, 2012)

Resolution Authorizing Establishment of a Three-Month Pilot Program for Mobile Food Vendors in Takoma Junction

*Authorizes the Old Takoma Business Association to organize opportunities for mobile food vendors to sell periodically in the Takoma Junction area.*

### RESOLUTION 2012-43

Adopted (July 9, 2012)

Resolution Authorizing Submission of MML Legislative Action Requests

*Authorizes staff to submit Legislative Action Requests to the Maryland Municipal League.*

### ORDINANCE 2012-27

Adopted (First Reading June 18, 2012; Second Reading July 9, 2012)

Adopting a Pay Scale for Police Officers

*Establishes a pay scale for Police Officers in the UFCW Local 400 collective bargaining unit.*

### ORDINANCE 2012-28

Adopted (First Reading June 18, 2012; Second Reading July 9, 2012)

Adopting a Pay Scale for Employees Covered by the AFSCME Contract

*Establishes a pay scale for employees in the AFSCME collective bargaining unit.*

### ORDINANCE 2012-29

Adopted (First Reading June 18, 2012; Second Reading July 9, 2012)

Adopting a Pay Scale for Employees Not Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement

*Establishes a pay scale for employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining unit.*

### ORDINANCE 2012-30

Adopted (First Reading June 18, 2012; Second Reading July 9, 2012)

Providing for the Ward 5 Special Election and Appointing Election Judges

*Sets forth the details of the July 17, 2012 Ward 5 Special Election.*

### ORDINANCE 2012-31

Adopted (July 9, 2012)

*Extending the Term of the Contract with Xerox State and Local Solutions for Speed Cameras*

*Authorizes a five-year extension of the contract for speed cameras.*

ABSTAIN: Male

## CITY HALL BRIEFS

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The City of Takoma Park has one seat on the County's Cable and Communications Advisory Committee (CCAC). The City Council is seeking a volunteer to serve as the City's representative on the CCAC who is knowledgeable and/or excited about new technologies, the use of video on multiple devices, and the possibilities of interactivity with residents through these technologies. Additionally, the City of Takoma Park and

Montgomery County are in the process of negotiating the franchise agreement with Comcast, and the agreements with Verizon and RCN expire in 2014. The CCAC will have an advisory role in the franchise renewal process. For more information, contact Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, [suzannel@takomagov.org](mailto:suzannel@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7229.

### MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

The City Council is on recess during the month of August. The Mayor's office hours will resume in September.

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAFE ROADWAYS COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT

The City Council is expected to begin accepting applications for two committees that are being re-formed: the Committee on the Environment and the Safe Roadways Committee. Full information will be provided in the September issue of the Takoma Park Newsletter and at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Interested individuals may watch for news at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) or contact Jessie Carpenter for additional information ([jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7267).





# A FANTASTIC FOURTH!

Takoma Park celebrated Independence Day with one of the most beloved holiday parades in the metropolitan area. As usual, the floats and marchers showed the creativity and wry sense of humor for which the City is known. Counterclockwise, from above, a Bolivian dancer, small fry watching the festivities, a proud cheerleader, young violin players on the Suzuki music float, biker buddies, and a demonstration from marchers who associated one presidential candidate with “M-O-N-E-Y.”

Photos by Lloyd Wolf






## VACANCIES ON COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

There are numerous opportunities for Takoma Park residents to serve on City boards, commissions, and committees. If you feel you can make a positive contribution, please consider volunteering. Appointments are made by the City Council. To be considered, complete an application form and submit it along with a resume or statement of qualifications. Additional information can be found at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/committees](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/committees) or contact the City Clerk for more information (301-891-7267) or [clerk@takomagov.org](mailto:clerk@takomagov.org).

- Arts and Humanities Commission (vacancies)
- Board of Elections (vacancy)
- Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (vacancies)
- Emergency Preparedness Committee (vacancies)

- Ethics Commission (vacancies)
- Faade Advisory Board (vacancy)
- Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (vacancies)
- Personnel Appeal Board (vacancies)
- Recreation Committee (vacancy)
- Tree Commission (terms expiring Sept. 30)



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## HOUSING MAILBOX



By Moses A. Wilds, Jr.  
Landlord-Tenant Coordinator

*Homeowners are not the only ones who were hit by the recent storm: I am a tenant, and a tree fell onto my apartment building in Takoma Park. Is my landlord responsible for resulting damage to my personal property?*

The bad news: probably not. The good news: you can protect yourself from this sort of damage in the future, if you purchase rental insurance.

In most instances your landlord's property insurance will cover the repair of the building, but would not cover the damage to your personal property. That's because the storm would probably be considered an act of nature, and landlords are generally not responsible for such an occurrence—unless the damage resulted from their negligence. For this reason, tenants are strongly encouraged to consider securing renters insurance to protect their personal property against the type of damage you incurred during the storm.

As you consider purchasing rental insurance, the following policy considerations should be reviewed:

**The Policy Deductible:** the amount you would be responsible for paying for each claim. Some insurance policies have deductibles ranging from \$250 to \$500 for each claim. Some policies do permit a lower deductible which may increase the policy cost.

**Policy Limits:** Some policies have a monetary limit for selected items such as furs, jewelry and artwork. If the policy limit does not meet your needs, consider obtaining a policy addendum which would provide for extended coverage for selected personal property. Always confirm what the policy does not cover, including such things as damage by domestic animals, water damage caused by flood and damage caused by earthquakes.

**Replacement Value:** Does the policy allow for replacement value of damaged property or does it allow for the depreciated value of the property? This is a critical question for your consideration in selecting a renters insurance policy.

**Living Expenses:** Does the policy provide for reasonable living expenses if you are unable to live in your apartment due to a covered loss?

**Purchaser Discounts:** Are discounts allowed if your apartment has such security devices as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and dead bolt locks?

It is recommended that you contact several insurance companies and request written information about their renters insurance policies. You should carefully choose the policy that best suits your needs.

*Tenants or landlord with questions regarding the City's landlord-tenant and Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) laws can contact me at 301-891-7215 or at [mosesw@takomagov.org](mailto:mosesw@takomagov.org).*

## Mission Serve helps out around town

What better way to start out the Mission Serve project during the week of July 2 than with a derecho that swept through the area, pulling down power lines and felling trees and bringing record-breaking high temperatures? But downed trees, lack of power, and heat did not deter the 300 volunteers who came to Takoma Park to work on 25 homes owned by residents who had signed up for the project.

With temperatures soaring to over 105 degrees, the workers were able to accomplish many of their goals: clearing yards of trash and debris, repairing roofs, painting exteriors, replacing rotting wood on porches and decks, creating accessible ramps and much more.

Here are some of the photos of the volunteers at work. Thank you Mission Serve and the DC Baptist Convention for helping our Takoma Park residents with needed repairs to their homes. The City Council has budgeted additional money this fiscal year to have another project that will help homeowners who need repairs. For further information about future programs, contact Linda Walker at [lindaw@takomagov.org](mailto:lindaw@takomagov.org) or 301-891-7222.



Volunteers pitched in to help Takoma Park homeowners repair and improve their homes during the hottest days of summer.

Photos by Linda Walker and Erkin Ozberk



## Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit Applications Due Sept. 1

The State of Maryland's tax credit programs are designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount they must pay in property taxes. Homeowner and Renter Tax Credit applications must be filed before Sept. 1, 2012 for the 2011 tax year. If eligible, the credit will be sent to you by way of a check. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Eligibility is based on household income. To obtain further information about the programs and an application, you can call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222, or access it on the state's website, [www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html).

## Feeling Overwhelmed?



During the warmer months, maintaining your yard can require a lot more work. But remember: City code requires that you keep up. The height of all grass and weeds must be kept below 12 inches. Vines, shrubbery, hedges and other vegetation must also be maintained. Vegetation may not encroach on the public sidewalk or extend out over the public sidewalk; that includes any vegetation overhanging the public sidewalk below 8 feet.

**It's not just about the law: it's also about keeping our community beautiful.**

— Code Enforcement Staff



# Keeping the Kibbutz

**A Docs in Progress film and discussion**

**Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.**

**Takoma Park Community Center auditorium**

**Free**

Film director Ben Crosbie's parents had utopian memories of their experiences living on a kibbutz called Kfar Giladi in Israel, where he was born. His Israeli mother was also born there; his father arrived as a volunteer from Wales in the 1970s, and they recall it as a thriving and resilient community of shared experience.

But when Crosbie returned in 2007 after years of living away, he found a community struggling with transition. Kfar Giladi no longer fully embraced the communal lifestyle and economy. Instead, it was becoming a more capitalist enterprise, with differentiated pay for different workers and outside labor supplementing what the members could do to tend the fields and manage the community.

Crosbie and co-director Tessa Moran use their 54-minute film to explore the heart-break experienced by some members, and the opportunities embraced by others, in a story of nostalgia, the effects of communal living and the hope of what lies ahead.

The film will be followed by discussion with the film makers.

For more information, see [keepingthekibbutz.com](http://keepingthekibbutz.com).



Film director Ben Crosbie



Ciatta Robinson, of *Fantasy Faces*, gets creative painting Marin Barclay's face. The face painting session was set up by merchants at *S and A Beads and Now and Then*, in Old Town.

Photo by Laura Barclay

# How To Catch A Moving Train

**Friday, Aug. 10, 7:30 pm**

**Takoma Park Community Center auditorium**

**Multi-media performance**

**Suggested donation, \$15**

**[www.facebook.com/events/105983869548486/](http://www.facebook.com/events/105983869548486/)**

With a storyteller's heart and a photographer's eye, Jim Landry traveled by train across America in 1980. His journey took him from Washington, D.C. to Chicago, where he boarded the California Zephyr for the West Coast to visit friends in San Francisco and Los Angeles. When the train stopped in Denver, Jim made a crucial mistake... from which, he says, we all can learn.

Landry will present his experience in *How to Catch a Moving Train, or My Trip Across America*, a multimedia performance that is part of the *We Are Takoma* series, on Friday, Aug. 10 at 7:30 p.m. During the 50-minute performance, Landry weaves stories, photographs and original music with his observations of a changing America.

Landry is a photographer, painter and musician whose work has been exhibited many times in Maryland. He's the composer and co-author of the performance piece, *A Natural History of My Husband's Cars*, presented last July at the Community Center.

For more information, call 301-891-7224 and/or visit [www.nicolejburton.com](http://www.nicolejburton.com).



A production still from Jim Landry's "How to Catch a Moving Train."

## MATTHEWS RESIGNS

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tributed to the county council's decision to allot an additional \$653,000 to Takoma Park in the county's FY 2013 budget.

Mayor Bruce Williams was a councilmember from Ward 3 when the City Council hired Matthews in 2004. "We are grateful for the many contributions Barb made to the Takoma Park community," he said. "While we hate to see her go, we know that she is leaving our government with a solid financial footing and with a great group of professional and dedicated City staff."

Indeed, in a note to her staff, Matthews said, "No city manager could have wished for a more talented, hardworking, and dedicated staff... All around the City are the tangible signs of what we've accomplished together, and I will take with me nothing but fond memories of the time

I've spent in Takoma Park."

### Moving forward

The City Council has tapped Suzanne Ludlow to serve as acting City manager during the search process to replace Matthews. Ludlow has worked for the City of Takoma Park since November 1993 and was appointed deputy City manager in January 2008. She has also held the positions of Community and Government Liaison, Economic and Community Development Coordinator and Assistant Housing and Community Development Director for Special Projects. She served as Unification Coordinator from 1995 to 1997, successfully guiding the City's consolidation into Montgomery County.

"My goal is to ensure that City services run smoothly during the transition process," Ludlow said. "It helps that I work with wonderful folks here who are both

skilled and adaptable. Barb Matthews' legacy to Takoma Park is a government with a strong structure of financial accountability and professional management, and I am committed to maintaining what she has built."

To recruit a new City manager, City Council will use an executive search firm, along with the soon-to-be-appointed City Manager Selection Committee of City residents. The committee will work with the community during the process.

Residents interested in serving on the City Manager Selection Committee should submit a standard City committee application form, available from the City Clerk's office or online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov) by Friday, Sept. 7. Residents may also contact their Councilmember or the Mayor to discuss their interest in serving. The Council will make appointments to the committee in September.

See City Manager election ad, page 2.

**"I will take with me nothing but fond memories of the time I spent in Takoma Park"**

— Takoma Park City Manager  
Barbara Matthews





Students in Afternoon Addition are smiling: School's out for summer! From left, staffer Chelsea Nunez, with Kali Ramsey and staffer Shyya Smith.  
Photo by Lew McAllister

**Chess**  
*Ages 6-17*  
Chess is fun, and playing the game teaches responsibility, improves discipline, and sharpens thinking skills. It also builds confidence and helps young people make new friends. This course will provide you with the first steps in chess: familiarizing yourself with the board; identifying the chessmen, including the moves of each piece; and learning chess terminology. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Eight weeks. Tuesdays (on-going)  
6 - 7 p.m.  
TP Recreation Center  
Free with membership card

**Double Dutch**  
*Ages 6-14*  
Learn the art of double Dutch through a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, double Dutch turning and jumping, stretching, toning, jogging and calisthenics. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Tuesdays (on-going)  
7 – 8:30 p.m.



Cooling off after YES League basketball, Charles Ruffin and Lucia Campos.  
Photo by Eric Rasch

TP Recreation Center  
Free with membership card

**Dribble, Pass and Shoot Basketball Camp**  
*Ages 6 -12*  
Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Don Bosco Athletic Director and former basketball coach Frank Simpson, who has more than 10 years of coaching and teaching experience, will lead.  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Monday through Friday, Aug. 13 - 17  
TP Recreation Center  
\$200

**Before Care, 7 - 9 a.m.**  
TP residents \$35  
Non-residents \$45

**After Care, 4 - 6 p.m.**  
TP residents \$35  
Non-residents \$45



Teens, volunteers and staff plant squash in the garden at the Community Center. From left, Howard Kohn, Todd Leavitt, Gabriel Asong, Jackie Ndjib, Patty Chappell and Marta Kebede.  
Photo by John Webster

**Camp Takoma**  
*Ages 6-12*  
Want your child to have the best summer ever? Let them join us for fun, education and physical enhancement all gained through daily exercise, group games, weekly field trips, arts and crafts, swimming and much more. Enrich your child's summer schedule with an exciting learning adventure led by our creative Recreation Staff. Through arts experiences, each participant will have the opportunity to grow academically and socially while expressing themselves in fun and creative ways. Campers will also experience literary, musical, visual, games, theater, and sports in Camp Takoma.  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
TP Community Center, Azalea Room  
Aug, 6 - 10 (Wet and Wild Safari)  
TP Residents \$120/session  
Non-Residents \$140/session

**Before Care, 7 - 9 a.m.**  
TP residents \$35  
Non-residents \$45

**After Care, 4 - 6 p.m.**  
TP residents \$35  
Non-residents \$45

**Morning/Afternoon Addition Program**  
*Grades K-6*  
Designed to provide before and after school recreational activities for children enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade, ages 5 through 12 years. Through structured and free choice of activities, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding and releasing energy, as well as time for doing homework. Activities may be arranged according to ages, interests, and geared toward varying skill levels. Limited spaces are available and registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For additional information please contact Dana Jackson, 301-

# Takoma Park Softball Legend remembered

To Takoma Park softball players, Joyce Hanula, who died July 15, was a hero. Hanula was a long-time player in the City's adult softball league, renowned for her pitching, but beloved for her grit. She pitched just weeks before her death, despite a long and valiant battle with cancer. She also coached baseball and softball, was an avid sports fan and a strong-minded, well-informed unionist who worked for years for the United Mine Workers. Many of Hanula's softball buddies attended the memorial service held for her July 21, where friends and family remem-

bered her for her laughter, her indomitable and irrepressible spirit and the love and devotion she shared with her family—wife Joan Leigh Warren and sons Charles Anthony Warren and Max David Warren. Joyce is also survived by brothers and sister Robert, Richard and Carol Hanula. Hanula, who was born in Brownsville, Penn., lived for many years in Takoma Park. She lived in Silver Spring at the time of her death. Teammates and opponents in the local league mourned her death, praised Ha-

nula's wit and tenacity and described her as extraordinary, always friendly in competition, uplifting and inspiring. In fact, when Hanula was diagnosed with cancer, the team renamed itself in her honor. It then won four championships in a row. The ReJoycers will dedicate its next season to her. Contributions in Hanula's memory may be made to the Capital Area Food Bank, 645 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017 or [www.capitalarea-foodbank.org](http://www.capitalarea-foodbank.org).



Joyce Hanula



RECREATION

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891-7281 or danaj@takomagov.org.  
Aug. 27 - June 14, 2013  
Morning Addition 7 - 9 a.m.  
Afternoon Addition 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Azalea Room

Morning Addition

TP residents \$115/month  
Non-residents \$145/month

Afternoon Addition

TP residents \$195/month  
Non-residents \$245/month

Morning & Afternoon Addition

TP residents \$270/month  
Non-residents \$330/month

SILVER  
FOXES

Summer Game Show

55 and older

Back by popular demand - it's the summer game show. Have you been watching other people win games on television over the years and wish you could play to win? Now is your chance. Paula Lisowski, of the Recreation Department, will act as host for fun interpretations of popular game shows. Come and play! Drop-in. No registration is required to participate in the game. For more information, please call 301-891-7280.  
Summer Game Show #2 —Let's Make A Deal  
Friday, Aug. 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center Senior Room  
Free

Senior Day, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Gaithersburg, MD

Ages 55 and older

We will return again this year to enjoy a good old-fashioned county fair with animal and agricultural exhibits, craft shows, commercial vendor booths and festival foods. Bring your lunch, or spending money to buy lunch, and wear comfortable walking shoes. Some, but not all, of the fairground's buildings and grounds are accessible by wheelchair. Dress appropriately for comfort. Rain or shine! Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. Registration is required August 1 - 9. Call 301-891-7280.  
Tuesday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Senior Day - Free admission to the fair.

Crossroads Farmers Market

Ages 55 and older

Come to the Crossroads Farmers Market, 7676 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma/Langley Crossroads, to find plenty of fresh produce. Takoma Park Recreation Department and Crossroads Farmers Market, Inc. are co-sponsoring free transportation for seniors this summer. Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Essex House, Maplevue Apartments, Park Ritchie Apartments, and Victory Tower only. Don't forget to bring your senior ID card, senior FMNP coupon, Independence Card and/or WIC FVC and FMNP coupons!  
Wednesdays, Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 3 - 7 p.m.  
No transportation: Aug. 8.

Look for the pick-up/drop-off time schedule flyers at Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) and senior housing. For information about bus service, and to contact the market, please call: 410-984-7717 or amilchling@crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.com.



Pictured above, Kids from Camp Takoma say, "Look what I made," from left, Shailyn Francis, Kendall Williams and Kamau Randolph.

Photo by Dana Jackson.

Left, the purple team blocks a shot during the YES League basketball game.

Photo by Eric Rasch

Be prepared for thunderstorms and lightning

By the TP Emergency Preparedness Committee

In the United States, an average of 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed each year by lightning, and other associated dangers associated with thunderstorms include tornadoes, strong winds, hail and flash flooding. Flash flooding is responsible for more fatalities—more than 140 annually—than any other thunderstorm-related hazard.

Here are some facts and advice about weathering the storms:

Thunderstorms and Lightning Terms

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Tells you when and where severe thunderstorms are likely to occur. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio (www.weather.gov/nwr), commercial radio, or television for information.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

What to do if a thunderstorm is in your area:

- Postpone outdoor activities
- Get inside a home, building, or hard

What to Do During a Thunderstorm

If you are:	Then:
In a forest	Seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees.
In an open area	Go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods.
On open water	Get to land and find shelter immediately.
Anywhere you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike)	Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact it the ground. DO NOT lie flat on the ground.

top automobile (not a convertible). Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

- Remember, rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.
- Shutter windows and secure outside doors. If shutters are not available, close window blinds, shades, or curtains.
- Avoid showering or bathing. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.

- Use a corded telephone only for emergencies. Cordless and cellular telephones are safe to use.
- Unplug appliances and other electrical items such as computers and turn off air conditioners. Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.
- Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials

Avoid the following:

- Natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area
- Hilltops, open fields, the beach, or a boat on the water
- Isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas
- Anything metal—motorcycles, golf



# AT YOUR SERVICE



## THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

### Drew Tracy appointed interim police chief

City Manager Barbara Matthews has appointed an interim police chief, Drew Tracy, to serve while a search to replace retiring Police Chief Ronald Ricucci is underway. Ricucci retired July 31. A nationwide search process for a replacement is being conducted.

Tracy, a long-time Montgomery County police officer, has more than 29 years of law enforcement experience. During his tenure with Montgomery County Police Department, he held a number of positions, including District Commander of the Silver Spring District for four years. He retired from the Montgomery County Police Department at the rank of Assistant Chief in September 2011.

Tracy has an MBA from Hood College and received a Certified Public Manager designation from George Washington University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Executive Institute.

"I am very pleased with the selection of Drew Tracy," said Chief Ricucci, when asked about the appointment. "Drew and I worked together for many years. He is a true leader and teacher who will take the department through this transition period. His commitment to the community he serves is well known in Montgomery County. His leadership and experience will only be plus for the department and the community."

Tracy is excited about taking the interim position. "I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Takoma Park with the women and men of the Takoma Park Police Department," he said. "During my role as Interim Chief, we will continue to work with the community in communicating effectively and developing a strong working relationship. Public safety and a responsive police department will remain our focus."

A new chief for Takoma Park is expected to be chosen in late August or early September. Tracy is expected to remain Interim Police Chief until the new chief reports for work.

As of June 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 311 fire-related incidents in 2012. The department addressed or assisted with 1,550 rescue or ambulance-related incidents, for a total of 1,861 this year. Totals for 2011 were 353 and 1,423, representing an increase of 85 incidents.

#### During Power Outages

The number one thing not to do... avoid using candles for emergency lighting.

- If your electrical service goes out, use flashlights and battery-powered lamps when possible.
- Don't use a candle for light when adding any fuel to a heater, lantern or other devices.
- Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn.
- Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

#### TPVFD Wins Top Awards

At the 120th Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association held in Ocean City, June 16-22, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department won top awards in two MSFA fire prevention categories. The contest consisted of book entries from fire departments throughout the state. The books depict fire prevention activities conducted during 2011. TPVFD received a plaque and certificate for first place in the Class V category, and a \$200 check for first place overall.

Several others also received recognition.

- EMT Jorge Alfaro received a certificate for the department's Top Responder Award for 2011. He assisted on 572 calls.
- EMT Mike Livingston received a nomination certificate for the EMS Person of the Year Award.
- The Willey Family (Richard, Tina and Andrew) received a nomination certificate for the Family Appreciation Award.

#### First responders address major storm

A special thanks to the Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service and Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department personnel that assisted during the major storm that hit the area on the evening of June 29. They were busy for several days throughout the area with numerous calls for trees down, wires down, etc. A job well done by your first responders.

### National Night Out brings community together

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Piney Branch Elementary School**  
**7510 Maple Ave., Takoma Park**

Neighbors will gather once again for the Takoma Park Police Department's National Night Out, an annual celebration of community and a friendly opportunity to connect law enforcement, crime prevention and local residents in a positive way.

Kids will be treated to face painting, games with prizes, food (including ice cream), and a moon bounce. For the parents, there will be child identification kits and fingerprinting, plus plenty of information about how to keep themselves and their children safe from crime. McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand, police vehicles will be out and on display, and there will be a canine demonstration and police horses.

The event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is celebrated by police departments across the nation. It is designed to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness, support locally-based businesses, groups, and organizations, and to strengthen relationships among community members.

The event is free.

For more details, see <http://takomaporkpolice.weebly.com>.

### False alarm turns into major drug arrest

One of Takoma Park's biggest drug busts went down July 19 when Takoma Park Police seized more than 18 pounds of marijuana, worth about \$106,000 on the street, and \$68,000 in cash from a house on Belford Place. Police arrested Vincenzo Alfieri, 28 of Takoma Park, Jeffery Morsch, 27, of Raleigh, N.C. for possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of controlled dangerous substance manufacturing material, possession of controlled dangerous substance proceeds, possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana- large quantity), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The arrest took place at 11 a.m. and was initiated by a residential burglar alarm that went off accidentally. Officers arrived to investigate and encountered Alfieri, who appeared to be nervous and uncomfortable. Police asked if everything was all right, and

Alfieri gave them permission to enter.

Officers smelled marijuana and found two small plastic baggies of it, along with drug paraphernalia, in plain view inside the house. Both suspects were arrested and transported to Central Processing Unit (CPU), and when investigation continued, with a search and seizure warrant, the 18 pounds of marijuana turned up, along with the cash, plus drug paraphernalia.

As it happens, a relatively new officer handled the call, which he expected would be routine. Officer Travis Ala joined the Takoma Park Police in January, after three years as an Annapolis Police officer; his instincts and experience told him something was amiss when he arrived at the residence.

Alfieri was released on a \$100,000 bond; Morsch was released on a \$5,000 bond. Trials are pending.

### Crime continues to decrease

New statistics show that crime continues to decrease in Takoma Park. For the last five years, the City has experienced significant decreases in "Part I" crime, that is serious crimes such as burglaries, robberies, homicides and rapes. Through the first half of 2012, those crimes have decreased by 15.8 percent compared to the same time period in 2011. The biggest reductions have been in burglaries, which went down by 56.1 percent. Auto theft decreased by 46.8 percent, and aggravated assault decreased by 35.7 percent.

Robberies, however, have increased by 13.3 percent (with 17 incidents in 2012 as opposed to 15 in 2011) and theft went up by 10.4 percent (from 144 to 159 incidents).

Since 2007 overall crime has decreased by 28.9 percent, and it has decreased by some amount in every category. The largest decreases include: auto theft, down 45.7

percent; aggravated assault, down 44.4 percent; and robbery down 42.6 percent.

Chief Ronald Ricucci equates the decrease in crime during his tenure to several factors, such as keeping staffing levels at full strength, retaining experienced officers, embracing community policing, and transparency while working with the community. Emphasis was also placed on better training for officers, equipment upgrades, and development of the crime analysis program.

"As I leave Takoma Park, I believe it is a safer place as a result of the partnership that was created between the police department and the community," said Ricucci, who retired July 31. "The community has been a vital part of our success in reducing crime. I also want to thank the men and women of the department who by their efforts, have made a significant difference in our city."



SMITH ELECTED
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most City elections in Ward 5, which has consistently had the lowest voter turnout of the City's six wards. Of the 1,114 registered voters who live in Ward 5, 190, or 16.6 percent, cast votes.

The candidates ran a lively race, with a lot of requisite door-knocking and even a few yard signs. A debate organized by the *Takoma Voice* July 12 and attended by about 50 people allowed candidates to share their views on several issues, including the hospital, development and engaging a broader array of City residents in local politics.

Smith, a first-time councilmember, has already participated in City affairs as a member of the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA), drawn by his interest in advocating for affordable housing and working to improve communication between tenants and landlords. He also served on the Washington Adventist Hospital Land-Use Committee (WAHLUC), and hopes to preserve health services for the City.

Smith highlighted three issues during his campaign, foremost of which was to create more interest and participation in

City policy-making and services from residents in Ward 5. He also wants to protect Sligo Creek and keep it safe for pedestrians; the creek and associated park runs through the ward. And, he lists the preservation of health services at the Washington Adventist Hospital campus as a priority. The hospital is awaiting approval to move its facility out of Takoma Park; if approved, it may be required to leave some services in place.

An eight-year resident of Takoma Park, Smith says he was inspired to serve the City by his father, who served in the Army. A commercial real estate adviser, Smith also volunteers at Accion USA, a North American micro-lender that assists small, local businesses. He has lived in Takoma Park since 2004.

Smith says his mandate for Takoma Park is "to bring my community together and show those residents that didn't even know they had a councilmember, why it's important to engage in City politics." Intent on improving the daily lives of residents, he adds, "No one should go to bed hungry nor should there be trash strewn all over parts of my Ward."

"Now the hard work begins."

City of Takoma Park - Ward 5 Special Election, July 17, 2012
OFFICIAL RESULTS

CANDIDATE	First Round	First Round %	Instant Runoff	Second (Final) Round	Second Round %	Result
Eric Hensal	72	37.9% (A)	+9	81	45.5%	
Jarrett Smith	84	44.2% (A)	+13	97	54.5%	Elected
Melinda Ulloa	33	17.4% (E)	-33	--		
Write-In #1 David Green	1	.5% (E)	-1	--		
Write-In #2	0	--	--	--		
No Vote/ Exhausted Ballots	0	--	+12	12		
Total Valid Votes	190	100%		178	100%	
TOTAL VOTES	190	100%				
Number of votes needed to win (majority of valid votes)	96			90		

STATUS:
(A) - Advancing Candidate
(E) - Eliminated

CRAFT BREWERS
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ment and go into retail distribution.

It's quite an entrepreneurial and creative venture for two friends who began brewing on a kitchen stove only five years ago. McGarvey's girlfriend (now fiancé) Harmony Dale set them on the path by giving him a homebrewer's kit for his birthday. He made the first batch, and Coleman offered ideas about how to improve it—and they never looked back. "We started making some great beers and experimenting with recipes, and then one thing led to another," said Coleman. "We asked ourselves, why aren't there beers like this around here? We decided to brew them."

Coleman and McGarvey embarked on an intensive process to develop their repertoire. They would begin with a basic recipe for an India pale ale, and brew the "base" and four variations simultaneously. Then they would sample each of the five batches, decide what features they liked, and select a best of the bunch. That would become the new base for another quintet of beers. "We'd repeat the process until we made the beer we had in our minds," said Coleman.

Today, they have a menu of 12 brews. However, making 5-gallon homebrew batches on a stovetop isn't the same thing as scaling up to produce hundreds of gallons at a time in 20-barrel fermenters (one barrel is 31 gallons). That's where McGarvey's expertise came in. "My educational background is in engineering, so I had the system understanding we needed," he said. "I also had business experience working with startups to develop business plans and launch products. Together, we felt we had the strengths to make things work."

They also built on the growing network of craft brewers in the region, a group that didn't exist when they began homebrewing five years ago. Remarkably, given the proliferation of regional craft brewers, co-operation is far more common than bitter competition. In fact, some 3 Stars beers



The crew takes a breather after installing brewing equipment at the new brewery in Takoma, D.C.

Photo courtesy of 3 Stars Brewery

have been created in collaboration with established Maryland brewers Oliver Ales (Baltimore) and Evolution Craft Brewing Company (Salisbury). "It's a great beer community," said Coleman. "People who like great beer and brewing have fundamental connections."

3 Stars intends to maintain its ties with professionals as well as with amateurs. It opened a homebrew supply store at the brewery several months ago, and store manager Bruno Venini has filled his staff with enthusiastic homebrewers who are ready to talk shop with beginners and experts alike. "All through our build-out, we've had a steady stream of interested beer drinkers, bars and retailers looking to stock a local product and volunteers just wanting to be involved in helping the brewery come to life," McGarvey said.

Selecting Takoma, D.C.

The site build-out took longer and cost more than anticipated, but support from

D.C. Councilmember Muriel Bowser helped move things along whenever permitting appointments were delayed. "She was with us every step of the way," said Coleman, adding that the experience cemented his sense that locating in D.C. was the right thing to do. The name 3 Stars Brewing reflects the three stars on D.C.'s flag. "Neither of us is from here, but we've each built careers, found homes, and met our wives in D.C.," said Coleman, who lives with his wife Nancy in Columbia Heights. "It was imperative to give back to a city that's given so much to us."

Yet, locating in Takoma, D.C. was not a foregone conclusion. "We looked at many spots zoned for manufacturing all over the city, but we were instantly won over by this one. We like the personality of Takoma Park," Coleman said. "It's community oriented, and it's Metro accessible. People are change-minded, and we represent something new."

Just as Coleman and McGarvey hope that the community will embrace 3 Stars Brew-

ing, they plan to support their community. For example, they are working with local bakers who will turn the grains that are beer's waste product into healthy bread for D.C.'s homeless and hungry children. The plan isn't yet final, but in sample batches, bakers have made breads that Coleman describes as delicious. "You can make anything with these grains, from a hearty grain bread to sourdough or whatever you want," he said. "You've got these wonderful whole grains, and it's just shameful that we have hungry kids right here in the nation's Capitol."

3 Stars also will be pouring at the popular Beerfest fundraiser sponsored by the Takoma Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 13. For many Takoma Parkers, the event will be their first exposure to 3 Stars and its unique brews, "The District" (an American IPA), "The Urban Farmhouse" (a Belgian ale), "The Southern Belle" (imperial brown ale), and others.

"Can't wait to share our beers," said Coleman.



# LIBRARY



The Friends of the Takoma Park, Maryland Library give generously of their time and resources. Many of the programs listed on these pages are made possible through their efforts, including Spanish Circle Time, Comics Jam, reading groups, crafts event and more.

For more information about supporting the Friends, see [www.ftpml.org](http://www.ftpml.org).

## CALENDAR

### Circle Time

Every Tuesday

Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

### Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday

10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

### Bedtime Stories

Monday, Aug. 6 – 7 p.m.

Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

### Comics Jam

Monday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.

Join library staffer and comics guru Dave Burbank as he reads comics on the big screen.

### Scribbler's Cabal

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2-4 p.m.

Young artists: come share ideas and inspiration with Dave Burbank

### Summer Quest Campfire

Monday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

Come join us for our annual Summer Quest "campfire" as we read stories, sing songs, and do a craft.



## Between the lines at the 2012 American Library Association meeting

By Karen MacPherson

*Karen MacPherson, the Library's children's and teen librarian, was among the 20,000 librarians who attended the American Library Association's annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif. in late June.*

*Here are some stories she gathered while at the meeting.*

### Newbery/Caldecott humor

It was a pivotal moment for author Jack Gantos when he recently discovered that he wasn't the first convicted felon to win the Newbery Medal, given annually to the best-written children's book.

"I've always felt so impure for breaking the law and then going on to write books for innocent young readers," joked Gan-

tos. Known for his sardonic wit, Gantos served a year and a half in prison in the early 1970s for smuggling hashish. He is the author of the 2012 Newbery Medal-winning book, "Dead End in Norvelt" (ages 10-14).

"But recently my spirits were lifted when I learned that, prior to winning the

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## LIBRARY BRIEFS

### Around the camp fire

It's time for our annual Summer Quest "Campfire," which will take place on Monday, Aug. 13 from 7-8:30 p.m.

No, we don't really build a campfire in the Library! But we do gather for some camp-like activities, such as singing songs, listening to stories, and creating a simple craft. This year's theme is fairy tales, which connects to this year's Summer Quest story.

Registration is strongly encouraged so we can be sure to have enough craft supplies on hand. To register, please go to: [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html)

tion.html or call us at 301-891-7259.

### Comics and scribbling

Library Assistant Dave Burbank will lead two events in August. First, there's the monthly Comics Jam on Monday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. Join Burbank, who is our comics guru, as he reads comics on the big screen; the program concludes with Burbank taking drawing requests from the audience.

Then, on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 2-4 p.m., Burbank will offer our latest "Scribbler's Cabal." This is a great venue for young artists to meet with others who also love to draw, to swap ideas and gain inspiration. Bring your pens, pencils, pads and creativity! Registration en-

couraged; to register, please go to: [www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html](http://www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html) or call us at 301-891-7259.

### College Bound

The Library's popular speakers' series for college bound students and their parents will return in October.

Our expert on college financing, Dr. Herm Davis, author of "Financial Aid for Dummies," will speak on Thursday, Oct. 4 about the complexities and changes relating to the college loan process, the FAFSA, scholarships and more.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, Dr. Lorie Ness, a psychologist practicing in Silver Spring who has a particular interest in young people and families dealing with a range

of emotional and psychological issues that may arise during the college search and application process, will offer a seminar titled, "Taking the Plunge Without Drowning: Tips for Thriving during the Transition to College."

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, Dr. Lori Potts-Dupre will return to discuss college choice and an overview of the application process. Potts-Dupre has visited more than 350 colleges nationwide, and will share her insights on helping students find the right fit – academically, financially and personally.

Stay tuned for more details in the September Newsletter, or contact Ellen Robbins at the Library for registration infor-

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Newbery for 'Smoky the Cowhorse' in 1927, (author) Will James had been sentenced to 15 months in a Nevada state prison for cattle rustling.

"He was released a month early, as he convinced the parole board that he wanted to write books for children. Shocking! Just amazing how history repeats itself."

Gantos made his comments during a hilarious speech to the hundreds of librarians gathered at the Newbery/Caldecott banquet on Sunday, June 24. The banquet is traditionally one of the annual meeting's high points.

Gantos's speech, filled with revelatory comic vignettes of the steps – and missteps – he took along the way to becoming a children's author, brought down the house. At the same banquet, author/illustrator Chris Raschka offered a more introspective speech in which he detailed the ingredients of his artistic blossoming.

Raschka's picture book, "A Ball for Daisy" (Ages 3-7), won the 2012 Caldecott Medal, given annually to the best-illustrated children's book.

"First, I'll draw what I see. Then I'll draw what I remember. And finally I'll draw what I feel," said Raschka, who won his first Caldecott Medal in 2006 for "The Hello, Goodbye Window."

Raschka noted that Daisy, the delightful black-and-white dog who stars in his book, was challenging to draw.

"...there was a lot of trouble with the nose of my dog Daisy. Lots of trouble. And not just about the nose, but the tail, and the eyes, and the fur, etc.," Raschka said. In the end, Daisy "is very much a dog I dreamed up, which is to say she inevitably has a lot of me in her."

As is traditional, Raschka, as the Caldecott winner, designed the printed program for the banquet. Librarians who attend the banquet eagerly await the programs, which are one-of-a-kind keepsakes.

This year's program drew cries of delight from banquet attendees. The outer part of the program was crafted from blue paper, about the size of a hand, with an octagonal shape and folded accordion style. When the folds were opened, a flat red paper disc, placed just inside, popped up – Daisy's ball! Underneath was the program booklet, which featured Daisy romping with her ball through its 20 pages.

## More honors

While the Caldecott and Newbery Medals are the best-known children's book awards, the Association for Library Service to Children – the children's division of the American Library Association – sponsors a number of other book honors.

Presented at a special event on Monday morning, June 25, those awards include the Robert F. Sibert Medal, given annually to the best non-fiction book for children. (NOTE: MacPherson served on the 2012 Sibert Medal Committee.)

"Balloons Over Broadway" (ages 4-8), a picture book biography of the man who created the technology for the huge Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, won the 2012 Sibert Medal. The book was written and illustrated by Melissa Sweet.

In accepting the award, Sweet said: "I am honored that you not only chose a book about a man who continues to light up our imagination, but also a picture book that celebrates the creative process that inspired him."

During the same event, Josh Schneider, who won the 2012 Theodor Geisel Award for his book, "Tales for Very Picky Eaters" (ages 5-8), provoked gales of laughter with his acceptance speech. The Geisel Award, established to honor the man better known as Dr. Seuss, is given annually to the best book for beginning readers.

Schneider revealed that he had trouble writing his acceptance speech until he walked into a door by accident one day.

"What being whapped in the face with a door made me realize... is that I don't have much to say about this book ... but that I do have something to say about learning to read," Schneider said.

"Reading opens doors. When a child scraps her way through her first beginning reader, she is walking through a door that leads, not just to knowing what Frog and Toad are up to this time, but to a new person."

Schneider concluded by thanking the door that "whapped" him, adding: "... after rubbing my nose and clearing my head, I looked down, saw that the sign said 'pull,' not 'push,' and walked through yet another door opened for me by reading."

## Writers turn to music

Several children's and teen book award-winners turned to song to accept

their honors at this year's annual meeting. Among the songsters were: Daniel Handler and Maira Kalman, authors of "Why We Broke Up" (ages 14 up); Shane Evans, author/illustrator of "Underground" (ages 5-8); and Kirby Heybourne, narrator of the audiobook version of "Rotters" (ages 14 and up).

The audiobook version of "Rotters," a novel written by Daniel Kraus, received the 2012 Odyssey Award, given annually to the best audiobook for children or teens. At the Odyssey Award ceremony on Monday (June 25), Heybourne feted librarians in a brief song titled "I'm a Librarian."

Heybourne's song rhymed "librarian" with words like "humanitarian" and featured a stanza that stated: "If you prick us, do we not ... READ?"

Evans, who won the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for "Underground" (ages 5-8), began his acceptance speech at the Sunday morning (June 24) event by pulling out his guitar and singing a song he had written for the occasion. The Coretta Scott King book awards highlight the best works annually by African-American illustrators and authors.

Like his book, Evans' song focused on the importance of freedom for all, and he led the hundreds of librarians at the event in a rousing chorus of "I'm walkin' my way to freedom."

On Monday evening (June 25), Handler and Kalman received a standing ovation at the Michael Printz Awards ceremony. The Printz Award is given annually to the best-written book for teens; several honor or runner-up books also are usually chosen.

In accepting their Printz Honor for "Why We Broke Up," Handler and Kalman performed a dead-pan ditty underlining the importance of librarians "from cradle to grave." Handler, also known for writing "A Series of Unfortunate Events" under the pseudonym Lemony Snicket, played the accordion and sang, while Kalman provided "percussion" by tapping shoes on a tabletop, popping a plastic bag, etc.

Here's the chorus:

*"Without librarians, we'd be dumb,*

*We wouldn't know our elbows from our bums,*

*Librarians are our friends*

*And we should take good care of them*

*Because without librarians, we'd be D...U... M!"*

## Friends Reading Group resumes in September

"The Secret Agent" by Joseph Conrad will be discussed by The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library Reading Group on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Called "one of the great novels of modernism," "The Secret Agent" was written in 1907. It is about "an anarchist plot to blow up the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. In fact, a scheme by a secret police agent to stir up a government backlash, it has acquired a kind of cult status as the classic novel for the post 9/11 age. Conrad's villain, the Professor who never goes out without a glass vial of high explosives in his breast pocket and a detonator in his palm, has been taken to be a prescient portrait of the terrorists who menace our world."

Conrad wrote during the first great terrorist wave of modern times. Between 1881 and 1901, the death toll from anarchist attacks included U.S. presidents Garfield and McKinley, French President Carnot, a Spanish Prime Minister, Canovas, the Austrian Empress Elizabeth and Umberto I, king of Italy.

His attitude toward terrorism was also influenced by the arrest of his father as a revolutionary, when he was five years old. The boy Conrad was deported to northern Russia with his parents, who died only a few years later.

"The Secret Agent" was a sensation at the time it was published, and remains "the most brilliant novelistic study of terrorism as viewed from the blood-spattered outside."

Join us for this special book discussion on 9/11. The Friends Reading Group is open to all.

[Content from reviews by Tom Reiss in the New York Times (9/11/2005) and Tom Miller, Professor of History.]

*The July issue of the Newsletter mistakenly called this book "The Secret Sharer" in a review last month. The Library apologizes for this error.*

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mation. All programs are free, and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Library.

### Reading Group climbs "The Magic Mountain"

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, when a visiting scholar will introduce us to the first of a series of in-depth discussions on Thomas Mann's magnum opus, "The Magic Mountain."

First published in 1925, this acclaimed

masterpiece by Nobel Prize winner Mann, takes place in the International Sanatorium Berghof, where its central character, Hans Castorp, spends seven years convalescing, "removed from the 'real' world, but irresistibly drawn into the sanatorium's own complex, vertiginous society, which...becomes a microcosm for Western civilization and its interior life on the eve of the first World War." [Publishers précis]

The Friends Reading Group discussions are open to all, and no registration is required. Check the September Newsletter for more details and additional dates.



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information on  
library programs

visit us online at  
[www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library)



# Community development block grant applications available

Deadline 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24

The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and the provision of improved community facilities and services. Approximately \$17,250 is available for programming which primarily benefits individuals or households of low and moderate incomes. An estimated \$97,750

is available for capital projects benefitting low and moderate income neighborhoods. The project could be something that an organization does on its own or in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Funds would be available in mid to late 2013. Applications are available online at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24. For more information, contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.

## Take Precautions During Weather Alerts

With hot weather code orange and red air quality alerts, residents can help reduce harmful air emissions by doing the following:

- Carpool, telecommute, or take mass transit to work
- Limit driving and combine errands
- Refuel after dark
- Avoid using gasoline-powered lawn equipment, including mowers
- Wait for a cooler day to use oil-based paints or switch to non-solvent or low VOC-based paints
- Avoid using aerosols and household products that contain solvents

- Avoid mid-day driving
- Conserve energy at home and work to reduce power demand.

Vehicles account for 30 to 40 percent of the pollutants that cause ozone in the Baltimore/Washington area and every summer day, gas-powered lawn and garden equipment release more than 100 times the VOC's of a typical large industrial plant. For every person who postpones lawn mowing on Air Quality Action Days, potential VOC reductions equal the amount generated by a car driving from Montgomery County to Raleigh, North Carolina.

# AUGUST '12

## Do you have an item for the City calendar?

Do you have an item for the City calendar?  
Let us know if you have a non-profit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the September 2012 issue is Aug. 20; it will be distributed Aug. 31.

To submit calendar items, email [tpnewseditor@takomagov.org](mailto:tpnewseditor@takomagov.org).

"TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park unless otherwise noted.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

**City Council**  
City Council is on break for August. Meetings will resume Sept. 4. For agendas, see [www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agendas](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agendas).

**Takoma Park emergency food pantry**  
First Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.  
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families  
240-450-2092 or [educare\\_ss@yahoo.com](mailto:educare_ss@yahoo.com)  
[www.educare-supportservices.org](http://www.educare-supportservices.org)

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**How-To Cowboy Joke Fest**  
Saturday, Aug. 18th and Sunday, Aug. 19 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Takoma Park Gazebo  
Tell a joke, get a book with Edward Faine

**Food Truck Fridays**  
5 – 8 p.m.  
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.  
Aug. 3, Curley's Q BBQ and Fojol Brothers

Aug. 10, Go Fish! and Thatsalata  
Aug. 17, Red Hook Lobster Pound and Greatest American Hot Dogs  
Aug. 24, Pino's Auto Grill and Rolls on Rolls  
Sept. 7, Cap Mac and Bayou Brothers

**Fried Fish Fridays**  
Second Fridays, 6 – 8 p.m.  
TP Community Center outdoor basketball court  
Food and fellowship  
Free

### ARTS AND LITERATURE

**Open Mic Sundays**  
With Rob Hinkel  
Sundays, 6 – 9 p.m.; sign-ups, 5:30 p.m.  
Capital City Cheesecake, 7071 Carroll Ave.  
Free  
[www.mainstreetakoma.org/event/446](http://www.mainstreetakoma.org/event/446)

**Jazz Jam**  
Open mic for jazz musicians  
Wednesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.  
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. N.W.

**Takoma Spark House Jam**  
Informal gathering on the front porch  
7206 Carroll Ave. across from the firehouse

Bring an instrument or sit back and listen

**Keeping the Kibbutz – film**  
Thursday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center auditorium  
Film screening followed by discussion with producers Tessa Moran and Ben Crosbie  
Free  
<http://docsinprogress.org/events/60/kibbutz/>  
[www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events)

**"Repeat Notions" Opening Reception**  
Friday, Aug. 10, 6 – 8 p.m.  
TP Community Center Gallery 3  
An exploration of repetitive marks, actions, and imagery by Pyramid Atlantic printmakers  
Free  
[www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events)  
[www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org](http://www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org)

**We are Takoma – How to Catch a Moving Train**  
Friday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
TP Community Center auditorium  
Jim Landry's multimedia performance about his journey across America  
Suggested donation \$15

[www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events)

**Long Branch Ramblers**  
Saturday, Aug. 18, 8 p.m.  
Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave., Takoma Park  
Old-Time & Early Country with Sabra Guzman, Ben Townsend, Aaron Lewis  
\$12 advance, \$15 door, \$9/\$12 students.  
[lmtfolk.org](http://lmtfolk.org)

### SENIORS

**Senior Day, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Gaithersburg, MD**  
Ages 55 and older  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Transportation from TP Community Center  
See page 6 for details  
Free

### UPCOMING

**Takoma Park Folk festival**  
Sunday Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Takoma Park Middle School  
7611 Piney Branch Road  
Annual festival of music  
Free

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE PLANT A TREE

**Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy**  
The season is right to plant trees, and in Takoma Park that means residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy in the City. As last year, there is an added incentive of the City paying \$100 towards the cost of the first tree purchased (unless it is a replacement tree required as part of a Tree Removal permit). Residents can add a tree to their yards for just \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, a total of \$100.70. Add a second tree and the bill is still only \$307.40, planted and guaranteed for one year.

Established discounts still apply as well, through the City's annual bulk buy tree sale. As a purchasing agent with Arbor Landscapers, the City is making five species available at wholesale prices. Red oak, white oak, sycamore, black gum and Princeton elm—all native shade trees that usually retail for about \$350—are available to residents at \$195, installed.

Sale dates run through Oct. 20.

### ORDER FORM

Please include check, including tax, written to the City of Takoma Park and be sure to draw a map of the property and locations for installation (see order form). Submit to Todd Bolton, Takoma Park Department of Public Works, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, Md., 20910 by close of business Oct. 20.

Someone will be in touch regarding installation dates.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

\_\_\_ Red Oak (2") \_\_\_ \$195 \_\_\_ White Oak (2") \$195 \_\_\_ Sycamore (2") \$195  
\_\_\_ Black Gum (2") \$195 \_\_\_ Princeton Elm (2") \$195  
+ 6% sales tax

Total \_\_\_\_\_

